## News Release



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## <u>Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center, Imperial Beach</u> New Schedule of Operation in Effect May 1

Effective Sunday, May 1, the Visitor Center at the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve will be open to the general public five days per week from Wednesday through Sunday.

Hours of operation will remain 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission to the Visitor Center will also remain free of charge.

The parking lot off Caspian Way will be open seven days per week to allow daily access to the trail system that runs throughout the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge. The Wildlife Refuge is a popular spot for bird-watching. The trail-end near the mouth of the Tijuana River is one of the most spectacular natural settings in San Diego County.

The Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center serves as the headquarters of both the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Managed in partnership by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California State Parks, the Refuge and Reserve provides educational programs for local schools on a daily basis. In addition, the Refuge and Reserve also performs research, restoration and protection of the sensitive estuary environment.

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